

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## REGION VII 726 MINNESOTA AVENUE KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

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October 6, 1986

MEMORANDUM

16-6-86

SUBJECT:

Immediate Removal at 2459 Charlotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and Other Satellite Properties Identified in

Docket No. 86-F-0015.

FROM:

Martha R. Steincamp

Deputy Regional Counsel

TO:

File - Martha C. Rose Docket No. 86-F-0015

A question was raised on whether to use Reidel, our zone contractor, to accomplish the immediate removal of equipment from various properties in Missouri. The issue is that Reidel used to be E.E.S., which was a subsidiary of Reidel International and as E.E.S. sent two transformers to Martha C. Rose. The facts concerning this transaction are as follows:

E.E.S. was a clean-up contractor for Emerson Electric, and as a result of a clean-up, sent 2 transformers to the Martha C. Rose Chemicals, Inc. (MCR) in Holden, Missouri one contained 15 gallons and the other contained 20 gallons of PCB fluid. The date of the invoice from Martha C. Rose is 3-22-84. The charge was for \$135. It arrived by truck on 3-15-84.

E.E.S. was an operating division of Reidel International. E.E.S. was reorganized and assets of E.E.S. were transferred to a new subsidiary created by Reidel International, Reidel Environmental Services, Inc. (R.E.S.)

Reidel International spun off R.E.S. to a new company, Reidel Environmental Technologies, which now owns Reidel Environmental Services. Reidel Environmental Technologies is a publicly owned corporation.

Based on the <u>de minimis</u> nature of the corporate transactions involving  $\overline{E.E.S.}$ , predecessor corporation to R.E.S., it is my opinion that using R.E.S. to accomplish the immediate removal actions is not a conflict of interest in this case. Under CERCLA, E.E.S. would not be considered a responsible party under the circumstances.

I obtained information on this issue from George Hess, ENSV, Betty Zeller, Headquarters Project Officer, Roy Tucker, attorney for R.E.S. (AC 503-295-4400) and Dick Kaufman, Black and Veatch (EPA contractor working on documents pertaining to Martha C. Rose).

cc: Heine Rompage Scott Pemberton

cc: John Wicklund George Hess



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Don McCoy 100 N. Buffalo Holden, Mo. 64040 Oct. 5, 1986

Martha R. Steincamp Deputy Regional Counsel Region VII US EPA 726 Minnesota Ave. Kansas City, Ks. 66101

Dear Ms. Steincamp,

In regards to our phone conversation the other day; in my back yard there are three (3) racks of steel of different lenghts and dimensions and a yellow truck box with a couple of secretarial desks inside as far as I know.

I was told these belonged to American steel Co., however, as discussed on the phone you have my permission to pick these up at any time.

Due to the working schedule here, you have my permission to pick them up at your convenience.

If I can be of further help to you on this situation, I'll be glad to oblidge.

Sincerely,

Don McCoy